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For SELF-SEALING COMPACT SPINNERET FOR A MELT  
SPINNING PROCESS  
Art Unit Not known  
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination of the above-identified application,  
please amend as follows:

In the Claims:

Claim 4, line 1, delete "one of claims 1 to 3", insert  
instead -- claim 1 --,

Claim 5, line 1, delete "one of claims 1 to 4", insert  
instead -- claim 1 --,

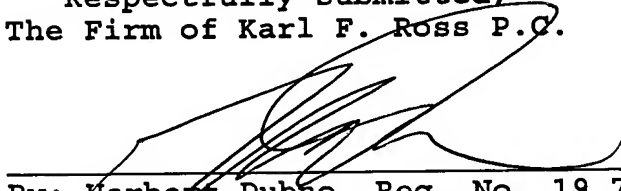
Claim 6, line 1, delete "one of claims 2 to 5", insert  
instead -- claim 2 --,

Claim 7, line 1, delete "one of claims 1 to 6", insert  
instead -- claim 1 --.

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This preliminary amendment is submitted just to reduce  
claim charges.

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